

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A package (10) for packaging coffee or tea particulate (12) is provided, the package
2 including:
 - 3 (a) a pouch (14) filled with the particulate; and
 - 4 (b) a pressurizable container (16), wherein the pouch is packaged inside the
5 container, optionally in a CO₂ environment under pressures exceeding ambient pressure,
6 and hermetically sealed therein.
- 1 2. The package (10) of claim 1, wherein the pressurizable container (16) is a two-piece
2 container.
- 1 3. The package (10) of claim 1, wherein the pouch (14) is filled with particulate (12) of a
2 quantity sufficient for brewing at least two cups of coffee.
- 1 4. The package (10) of claim 2, wherein the two-piece container (16) is a can comprised
2 of a first, cup-shaped portion (20) having an opening (21), and a second covering piece
3 (22) having a shape corresponding to the opening for covering the opening, wherein the
4 pouch (14) is packaged inside the cup-shaped portion, optionally in a CO₂ environment
5 under pressures exceeding ambient pressure, and hermetically sealed therein by sealingly
6 engaging the second covering piece with the opening of the cup-shaped portion.
- 1 5. The package (10) of claim 3, wherein the two-piece container (16) is a can comprised
2 of a first, cup-shaped portion (20) having an opening (21), and a second covering piece

3 (22) having a shape corresponding to the opening for covering the opening, wherein the
4 pouch (14) is packaged inside the cup-shaped portion, optionally in a CO₂ environment
5 under pressures exceeding ambient pressure, and hermetically sealed therein by sealingly
6 engaging the second covering piece with the opening of the cup-shaped portion.

1 6. The package (10) of one of claims 4 or 5, wherein the second covering piece (22) is
2 disk-shaped and includes an opening tab (42) to facilitate opening of the container (16),
3 thus permitting access to the pouch (14).

1 7. The package (10) of claim 1, wherein the particulate (12) is sealed in the pouch (14).

1 8. The package (10) of claim 1, wherein the pouch (14) is made of filter material.

1 9. The package (10) of claim 8, wherein the filter material is selected from a group of
2 materials consisting of porous paper, porous cellulose, and porous woven material
3 constructed so as to be sufficiently strong to withstand the stresses induced upon opening
4 the package.

1 10. The package (10) of claim 1, wherein such package is formed so as to be efficiently
2 packagable together with other such packages, in a system (56) including a sleeve (60),
3 wherein at least two packages may be inserted inside the sleeve.

- 1 11. The package (10) of claim 10, wherein the package is stored within the sleeve (60) in
- 2 a longitudinal orientation.

- 1 12. The package (10) of claim 10, wherein the sleeve (60) is transparent and semi-rigid.

- 1 13. The package (10) of claim 10, wherein the sleeve (60') comprises an inner and outer
2 portion (70, 72), the portions telescoping so as to adjust the height and thus the package
3 storage capacity of the sleeve.

- 1 14. The package (10) of claim 13, wherein at least one of the portions (70, 72) is
2 transparent and cup shaped, having a closed end (76) and an open end (80), and measuring
3 marks (82) interspersed along its length, so as to serve as a measuring beaker for liquid,
4 such as water.

- 1 15. The package (10) of claim 10, wherein the sleeve (60') is made of a printable
2 material.

- 1 16. A method (100) of packaging tea or coffee particulate (12), the method comprising the
2 steps of:
 - 3 (a) filling a filter pouch (14) with particulate;
 - 4 (b) closing the pouch;
 - 5 (c) inserting the filled filter pouch (14) through an opening (21) into a first, cup-
6 shaped portion (20) of a two-piece, pressurizable container (16); and

7 (d) hermetically sealing the pouch inside the cup-shaped portion by sealing a
8 second, covering portion (22) over the opening.

1 17. The method (100) of claim 16, wherein the sealing seals above-ambient pressure CO₂
2 gas into the container (16) prior to sealing of the container.

1 18. The method (100) of claim 17, wherein, prior to sealing, pellets (28) of dry ice are
2 placed inside the container (16).